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Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 are now present in this application.

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The specification has been amended, and claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 17 and 18 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which claim 18 has been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed.

Rejections under 35 USC 102(b) and 103

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai et al., U.S. Publication 2003/0012550. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3, 4, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sakai et al. in view of Thier et al., U.S. Patent 5,410,644. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5, 6 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sakai et al. in view of Windle, U.S. Patent 6,686,970. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 7 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sakai et al. in view of Peters et al., U.S. Patent 5,440,348. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 8, 9 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sakai et al. in view of Windle and Barton et al., U.S. Patent 6,233,389. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Claims 10 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sakai et al. in view of Chen et al., U.S. Patent 6,600,869. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner asserts that "dividing said multimedia clip according to said specific time stamp ([0062]; Fig. 4)" is disclosed by Sakai et al. However, in Sakai et al., the multimedia clip is divided (cut) to represent each of the different video signals (a, b, and d) (see paragraphs [0061] and [0062]). In other words, the multimedia clip is not cut according to the specific time stamps in Sakai et al.

In addition, according to said effect duration, there is no overlap formed between a first extended video clip and a second extended video clip in Sakai et al. The video data in Sakai et al. can be merged together instead of overlapping (see paragraph [0061]). There is no description regarding an overlap being formed between a first extended video clip and a second extended video clip in paragraph [0064] of Sakai et al..

Sakai et al. discloses "editing technique merging video signals recorded on the same optical disk". Sakai et al. uses memory to move and record the video data in the optical disk. "In such case, the coded data of the operator-designated transition periods T are reproduced from the optical disk 1 and stored into the memory 22" (see Fig. 4C and paragraph [0061]). Therefore, the editing technique of Sakai et al. is operated with the memory device.

In the present application, no memory is used in the method and system for effect addition in a single multimedia clip. All of the steps in the present invention are used in a single multimedia clip *without memory*.

With regard to Their et al., this document discloses a video special effect system which is capable of displaying real-time 3D video images, such as television images, that have been

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transformed into three dimensions. Even if it were possible to combine Sakai et al. and Thier et al., the steps and method (i.e., forming an overlap and moving or storing video data without using memory) of the present application would not be obtained. It is noted that the Examiner makes reference to Their et al. teaching "a virtual video clip associated with the video segment including the frames before the frozen frame and having the frozen frame as the last frame" in column 1, lines 64-65. However, this particular passage cannot be located in Thier et al. In the event that the Examiner reiterates this rejection, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner support this assertion with citation of a specific passage, as the currently cited passage appears to be incorrect.

With regard to Windle, column 10, lines 57-63 states that "A timing and speed of such transitions are synchronized with a predetermined audio track in accordance with the preferred embodiment and in a substantially similar manner as that described above under 'beat synchronization', exception that video frame can be duplicated and added, as well as removed, to effect a smooth synchronized transition." According to the description above, the video frame is duplicated to effect a smooth synchronized transition but not to used for extending a video clip.

With regard to Peters et al., it is noted that both Sakai et al. and Peters et al. fail to teach or suggest the best size of the first extended video clip and the second extended video clip being respectively half of the effect duration.

With regard to Barton et al. and Chen, it is noted that these patents fail to overcome the above-noted deficiencies of Sakai et al. and Windle.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art utilized by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the method and system of

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independent claims 1 and 10 of the present application, as well as their dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(b) and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

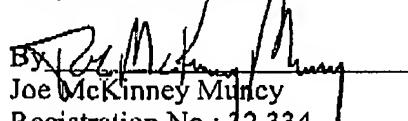
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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